

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 138

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 138 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY  
AND COST OF CONSTRUCTING A SMALL COMMERCIAL BOAT HARBOR AND  
SMALL COMMERCIAL AIRPORT IN SOUTH PUNA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address the  
accessibility needs of south Puna, on the island of Hawaii.

More specifically, this measure requests that the Department  
of Transportation conduct a study regarding the feasibility and  
cost of constructing a small commercial boat harbor and small  
commercial airport in south Puna.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from  
the Department of Transportation.

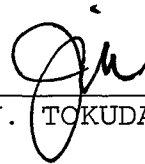
Your Committee finds that Puna has the fastest growing  
population in the County of Hawaii. Your Committee also finds  
that, due to recent volcanic activity, many people in Puna may be  
cut off from supplies and services. In the Puna area, there are  
very few places to access the coast safely due to the jagged  
cliffs, and road infrastructure cannot be developed due to the  
extensive network of lava tubes. Your Committee further finds  
that there are no boat harbors or airports in the Puna area large  
enough to support commercial activity.



Your Committee notes concerns raised by the Department of Transportation that they would not be able to proceed with the construction of a small commercial boat harbor and small commercial airport in south Puna without support and approvals from the federal government. Your Committee also notes that it would be difficult for the Department of Transportation to move forward with these construction projects without state support for the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance such projects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 138 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



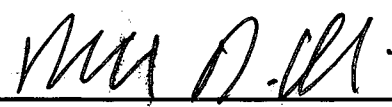
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____												
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused								
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓											
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓											
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓											
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓								
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓								
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓								
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓											
INOUE, Lorraine R.			✓									
RIVIERE, Gil	✓											
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓											
SLOM, Sam	✓											
<b>TOTAL</b>	7	0	1	3								
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